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## Entertainment



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## Bluesfest aims to help out New Orleans

**CHARITY** If anyone knows the importance of New Orleans, it blues fans.

Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest and United Way/Centraide Ottawa have teamed up to raise money to rebuild homes in the St. Bernard Parish area of New Orleans that were demolished by Hurricane Katrina four years ago.

"Bluesfest has a soulful connection with New Orleans," said Cisco Ottawa Bluesfest executive director Mark Monahan. "Some fantastic music and artists come from that community, and I think the fans will want to help out."

Volunteers are selling bracelets and T-shirts with proceeds going to a non-profit organization.

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### Focus On First Nations

For the next week, Metro Canada will be focusing on First Nations and Aboriginal news, community issues, arts and culture as part of a special series leading up to the Assembly of First Nations convention, July 21-23, in Calgary.

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### Bluesfest



Our Lady Peace vocalist Raine Maida plays the Bank of America stage at Bluesfest last night.

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**O-TRAIN** It could cost up to \$40 million to get the Prince of Wales Bridge ready to carry O-Train riders across the Ottawa River, but that's still not even a fraction of what a new bridge would cost, transit advocates said.

Based on available information, the 989-metre crossing would require between \$20 million and \$40 million worth of refurbishment before it was placed into active service. Wayne Newell, the city's director of infrastructure services, wrote in a memo to councillors. However, without a more detailed condition assessment, it is difficult to estimate the cost or extent of renewal.

In the memo, Newell wrote that it would take eight months and \$1.5 million to complete a detailed inspection of the structure.

Friends of the O-Train have been lobbying the city for years to extend the O-Train into Gatineau. Group founder David Gladstone said that \$40 million was very high for a bridge that is already built, but is much less than the Strandherd-Armstrong Bridge proposed in Barrhaven.

# Feds defend visa call

Decision 'absolutely necessary', immigration minister says

### Applications by the numbers

- In 2008 alone, 9,400 Mexicans applied for asylum in Canada, triple the number in 2005.
- Since Canada lifted visa re-

America, observers said yesterday.

Czech officials reacted fiercely to the move, calling ambassador Karel Zebravsky home from Ottawa for consultations, and seeking support from the

requirements for Czech visitors in 2007 roughly 3,000 people have made refugee claims. In 2006, there were five claimants.

European Union.

The immigration minister insisted that visa regulations are the norm for travel to a foreign country, a standard that is only circumvented by special agreements.

Insisting on visas from Czech and Mexican travellers is "absolutely necessary," he said.

It costs Canada about \$29,000 to shelter and care for a single asylum seeker. More than 12,000 Czech and Mexican refugee claimants have arrived in Canada since late 2007 and the vast majority of the files have been ruled to be illegitimate, making the financial toll untenable, Kenney said.

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# Local



## Ottawa filmmakers see action

An Ottawa-made movie has gone Hollywood. *Jamie and Eddie: Souls of Strife*, an indie action feature directed by local filmmaker and Carleton University graduate Pascal Aka, screens at the Action on Film Festival in Pasadena, Calif., at the end of the month. The film has been nominated for two awards, including Best Action Sequence and Best Foreign Film of 2009. This year's festival features more than 400 films from around the world.

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# Churchill photographer a proud Canadian

Karsh widow recounts Roaring Lion tale as part of festival marking 100th birthday

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**He was young, polite, and a rising star in the world of photography.**

His subject was the British prime minister, determined and defiant against the enemy during the Second World War.

In several moments in the Speaker's Chambers after Sir Winston Churchill had addressed Parliament in 1941, Yousuf Karsh took two photos, creating the most famous image of Churchill and in the process, turning himself into a legend.

Sixty-eight years later, Estrellita Karsh told the story surrounding the mo-



Estrellita Karsh, widow of legendary Ottawa photographer Yousuf Karsh, with Speaker of the House of Commons Peter Miliken, told the story of her husband's Churchill photo yesterday.

**"Yousuf said to Winston Churchill, 'I hope I can make a portrait of this occasion.' (Churchill) said 'you may take one.'"**

Estrellita Karsh

ment in almost the exact spot where her late husband and Churchill stood when the iconic photo was taken.

"Yousuf said to Winston Churchill, 'I hope I can make a portrait of this occasion,'" said Estrellita Karsh at an event at the Speaker's Chambers yesterday, where she talked about the "Roaring Lion" portrait of the prime minister.

"(Churchill) said, 'you may take one.'"

After Churchill refused to surrender his cigar,

Karsh plucked it out of his mouth, his widow said. "Yousuf said later that he looked so fierce, he looked like a roaring lion."

Indeed, the photographer filed the photograph under 'R' instead of 'C', she said.

Although a second photo — of a smiling Churchill — was taken, "the public liked the first one," said Estrellita Karsh. "It became a symbol of British defiance during the Second World War."

Yousuf Karsh "was so

proud to be a Canadian," she said.

Organized by the Portrait Gallery of Canada, the event was a part of Festival Karsh, a summer-long celebration marking the 100th anniversary of the photographer's birth.

Estrellita Karsh also presented nine of her late husband's portraits to the City of Ottawa yesterday. The portraits — all original prints — include those of Winston Churchill, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pierre Trudeau, Robertson Davies, Frederick Varley, Kenojuak Ashevak, Stephen Leacock, Jack Bush, and a self-portrait, that will be on exhibit at the Karsh-Masson Gallery from July 15 to 26.

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WHAT'S ONLINE TODAY

**Video** A Pakistani couple is forced to leave their kids behind after being deported at metronews.ca/canada



**Video** Tourists delighted by the return of Mounties and their black steeds to Parliament Hill at metronews.ca/play

## Shelter faces stunning blows

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for breakfast in another building when an STO bus from Gatineau hit him.

His death marks a rough weekend for the Shepherds of Good Hope, which saw the violent beating of 44-year-old Arlene Lahey just after midnight Saturday.

Executive director of Shepherds of Good Hope Paul Soucie said they've gone to lengths to create a safe environment around their buildings for the 300

people at the shelter.

They have a "very sophisticated" camera system, personnel patrolling the premises hourly, and at night they lock up the parking area of the shelter to create a sanctuary.

These two incidents come as the Shepherds of Good Hope receive \$6 million from the province to create 55 supportive housing units out of the Cardinal Suites hotel on Merivale Road.

## Chasing the cure to Ottawa

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Chase the Cure founder Wes Bauer, 20, makes a stop at Parliament Hill today.

**GIVING** Like many teen boys, Wes Bauer looks up to his father.

"I always thought of him as invincible," said Bauer of his father, CFL player Lyle Bauer. When he was diagnosed with throat cancer in 2004, "it was hard on the family to see him taken out by something we couldn't see."

Today, his father, who is president and CEO of the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, is four years cancer-free, but the desire to help stuck with Bauer, now 20. He founded Chase the Cure and, on May 14, the Winnipeg native em-

barked on a cross-Canada bike trip. Yesterday, Bauer arrived in Ottawa, and will meet with officials at Parliament Hill this afternoon.

All funds raised benefit cancer initiatives in each province, he said.

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### News in brief

**GREEN** Volunteers are needed for the second edition of Ontario's best new festival, held during the August long weekend. The Rideau Canal Festival

needs volunteers from July 31 to Aug. 3. The celebration, which heralds the UNESCO World Heritage Site designation of the Rideau Canal, is a

zero-footprint festival. Those interested in volunteering can call 613-288-0970, or visit rideaucanal.festival.ca.

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## Ex-PM surprised, but happy over appointment

Former prime minister Jean Chrétien says he was surprised but happy to learn Queen Elizabeth had awarded him the exclusive Order of Merit, despite his penchant for salty language and willingness to sing badly in front of thousands of people, CBC News Online reports. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Canada



## Patients, hospitals reach settlement

A group of breast cancer patients has reached a \$5.4-million agreement in principle in a class-action case against a dozen Quebec hospitals that was launched more than five years ago, CBC News Online reports. Lawyers announced the agreement in principle for the roughly 4,000 women, each of whom had waited more than 12 weeks for radiation therapy. The proposed settlement does not, however, include any agreement on the standard of care.

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**Bikers fought amongst themselves: Testimony**

**TRIAL** The key witness to the largest mass murder in modern Ontario history finally took the witness stand yesterday, looking more like a banker than an outlaw biker.

The witness, who is now living under a new name in a witness protection program, can only be identified as "M.H." to protect his identity.

Dressed in a neatly tailored blue business suit and tie, M.H. described, in a calm and even voice, mounting tensions within the outlaw motorcycle club in the year leading up to the slaughter of eight members of the Bandidos Motorcycle Club in April 2006.

The trial, now in its fourth month, earlier heard that M.H. was present during the slaughter of eight members of the Greater Toronto Area Bandidos in April 2006 near the tiny hamlet of Sheddron, near London.

While M.H. did not testify about the murders yesterday, the former executive member of the Winnipeg Bandidos said that most Toronto members didn't want the Winnipeggers to become full members of the club, and preferred to freeze them at a probationary level.

That meant they couldn't make major decisions on new members.

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## Outrage over visa restrictions

Tourism industry fears impact of new rules for Czech, Mexican visitors

**Mississauga, Ont.'s Sharon Corona is expecting relatives from Mexico over the next couple of days and has a few choice words for the Conservative government.**

"If you run into (Prime Minister Stephen) Harper tell him he's lost my vote," the American Airlines employee said.

Corona, like others, was livid with the decision announced Monday by Immigration Minister Jason Ken-

ney to impose a visa requirement on tourists from Mexico and the Czech Republic.

"It is such an injustice to all the people down there (in Mexico) like my husband's cousins, who bought their ticket over a month ago. Nobody down there knows about it," said Corona, whose husband is originally from Mexico City.

Corona's mother and father-in-law were to arrive

### Mexican tourists

- Members of the tourism industry said the government edict came without warning and will devastate a sector that's already on the ropes. Mexican tourists currently make up the fourth largest group of visitors to Canada each year.

last night, in time to benefit from a grace period al-

lowing them to apply for the visa in Canada. But her nephews are scheduled to travel after the grace period expires tonight, putting their trip in doubt.

Claudio Aescalante also blames the Canadian government for ruining his family vacation.

An environmental consultant from Mexico City, Aescalante booked his family's Toronto-area getaway to visit a family member a month ago, and he was ea-

gerly awaiting his departure next week. Now, the only thing Aescalante is seeing is his family's summer trip going down the drain — at a potential cost of up to \$2,000.

Aescalante was among about 200 Mexicans who lined up at the Canadian Embassy in Mexico City. He walked away disappointed when officials told him it would be at least three weeks to secure a visa.

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### Edmonton Loops for troops



Members of armoured regiment Lord Strathcona's Horse competed against members of the media in a 1.6-kilometre (or a military mile) run yesterday at the Edmonton Garrison to promote Loops for the Troops walk and run, taking place on July 26 in that city.

## Winter didn't kill pine beetles: Officials

**ALBERTA** This past winter did not provide the bitter cold needed to kill the infestation of mountain pine beetles in the forests of Alberta, so human efforts must continue, officials said yesterday.

The risk of the beetle's spread remains highest in northwest Alberta, making it likely it will eventually reach Canada's huge boreal forests; its tree-killing march east becomes more difficult because there are fewer pine trees to infest.

The Rocky Mountains of southwestern Alberta are also infested, and the area remains under threat from bugs flying east across the border from infested forests in British Columbia, officials said.

Nature has historically controlled the beetle population with early winter cold snaps that kill them

### Lethal to trees

- The tiny beetles, *Dendroctonus ponderosae*, lay eggs under the bark of mature lodge-pole pines, eventually killing them. Once beetles infest a tree, it cannot be saved. In addition to killing the trees, the insects spread a fungus that stains the wood blue and lowers its value as lumber. They can also cause environmental problems, such as increased flooding.

before they are ready for a deep freeze. Up to 97 per cent of the insects have to be killed to stop their spread in the region.

"Clearly that level of mortality was not achieved in some of the areas of Alberta this year," said Allan Carroll of the Canadian Forest Service.

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# World

## China rebuffs genocide claim

**UNREST** China yesterday dismissed Turkey's accusation of genocide in its northwestern Muslim region of Xinjiang, where rioting killed 184 people, mostly majority Han Chinese.

Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said last week genocide was being committed in Xinjiang and called on Chinese authorities to intervene.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang said the accusation of genocide simply did not make sense. Most people who died in the riots were Han and over the past few decades the Uighur population in Xinjiang had shot up, he said.

"In which country could this be called genocide?" Qin told a regular news

### Cultural bonds

- Turkish nationalists see Xinjiang as the easternmost frontier of Turkic ethnicity. Thousands of Uighurs live in Turkey.

briefing. "We hope that our Muslim brothers can realize the truth of the July 5 incident in Urumqi. Once they know the truth, they would support our ethnic and religious policies and the measures the Chinese government has taken to deal with the incident."

The death toll included 46 Uighurs, a Turkic people who are largely Muslim and share linguistic and cultural bonds with Central Asia.

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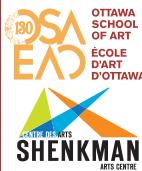
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## Madoff leaves luxury for life in prison



Bernard Madoff's prison life began yesterday, far from the luxury homes, sleek yachts and designer watches and clothes he accumulated in the years he ran Wall Street's biggest investment fraud. U.S. Prison officials said the 71-year-old swindler checked into the Butner Federal Correctional Complex in North Carolina. Last month, a judge sentenced Madoff to a total of 150 years on several criminal charges, including securities fraud, money laundering and perjury for a Ponzi scheme amounting to as much as \$65 billion US.

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## Officials kidnapped

### Frenchmen posing as reporters taken in Somalia

Somali gunmen stormed into a Mogadishu hotel yesterday and kidnapped two French officials working as security advisers for the Somali government, witnesses and officials said.

A Somali government official, who asked not to be named, said the two Frenchmen had been posing as reporters for their own protection. "They were security consultants who arrived in Somalia to train State House security guards, not journalists," the official said.

The French Foreign Ministry confirmed that two French officials working as security advisers to the Somali government had been kidnapped. A ministry statement issued in Paris said the men were on an "official mission" when they were



People walk outside the Sahafi hotel where two foreigners were kidnapped in Somalia's capital Mogadishu yesterday.

seized by a group of armed men. "They were providing help in security matters to the transitional federal government of President Sheikh Sharif," it added.

With hardline Islamist insurgents battling government troops on a daily basis, Mogadishu is one of the most dangerous cities in the world.

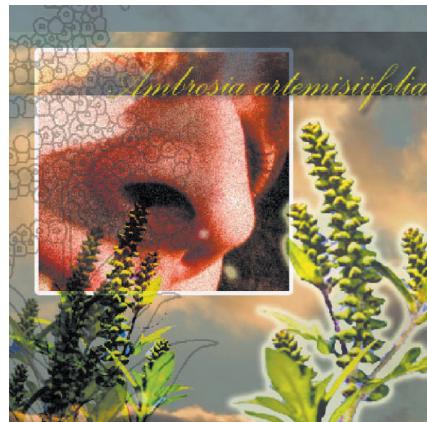
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### News in brief

**AFGHANISTAN** Six Ukrainians supplying British troops in Afghanistan were killed in a helicopter crash yesterday and two U.S. Marines and an Italian soldier were killed in what could become the bloodiest month in the eight-year-old war. Authorities in Moldova were brought down by a missile. A total of 43 foreign soldiers have already died this month as U.S. and British troops simultaneously launched the two biggest operations of the war to seize Helmand province, the Taliban's opium-producing heartland.

**SUDAN** A Sudanese politician called yesterday for an inquiry into reports young women from Sudan's Christian south had been flogged for defying Islamic law by wearing trousers in Khartoum. Police arrested 13 young women earlier this month, accusing them of wearing indecent clothes in a cafe, and later flogged 10 of them, one of the arrested women told journalists.

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## First EU head from ex-Soviet bloc countries elected

The European Parliament elected ex-Polish prime minister Jerzy Buzek as its president yesterday, the first leader from an ex-Soviet country. **REUTERS**

## world 5

# Sotomayor defends 'wise Latina' remark

**Supreme Court nominee Sonia Sotomayor defended one of her most controversial statements yesterday, saying she never meant to imply that a Hispanic woman would make a better judge than a white man.**

Sotomayor, poised to become the first Hispanic justice on the top U.S. court, came in for sharp questions as the Senate Judiciary Committee sought her views on everything from race to abortion to antitrust law.

Democrats call the nomination historic, and have emphasized her career as a prosecutor and appeals court judge. But Republicans have focused on charges that she may show racial bias in her decisions.

Republicans have **Sotomayor** drawn from a 2001 speech she gave in which she said a "wise Latina" might arrive at a better legal decision than a white man, as well as an appeals court decision she made



upholding the right of a city to discard firefighter test results which did not produce enough minority candidates.

Sotomayor said she had been misconstrued and that she had been hoping to inspire young Hispanics and women to get involved with law.

"I do not believe that any ethnic, racial or gender group has an advantage in sound judgment," she said

**REUTERS**

## Iran executes 13 Sunni rebels

**PRISON** Iran hanged 13 members of a Sunni rebel group yesterday for attacks in a volatile southeastern area, but they were put to death in prison and not in public as initially planned, official media reported.

The execution of a 14th member of Jundollah (God's soldiers), a brother of its leader Abdolmalek Rigi, was postponed for a few days in order to get more information from him, the judiciary said.

Predominantly Shiite Muslim Iran says Jundollah is part of the Sunni Islamist al-Qaida network and backed by the United States, Tehran's arch foe. Jundollah says it fights for the rights of the Islamic Republic's minority Sunnis.

**REUTERS**

## News in brief

**INDIA** Pakistan's prime minister said yesterday he hoped a meeting in Egypt with his Indian counterpart would get peace talks back on track after the Mumbai attacks. Yusuf Raza Gilani said the two countries, which have fought three wars since 1947, had been "moving in the right direction" until last November's militant attacks that killed 175 people.

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## Comment

### Life-changing experience through arts



Tracee Smith

**A**boriginal students on reserves do not enjoy the rich programming those at publicly funded schools do. The majority of our 630 Aboriginal communities do not have the economic base — or geographic proximity — to offer dance classes, piano lessons, or graphic design instruction

that enrich the education of other Canadians.

Meanwhile, 70 per cent never graduate from high school, a figure that is critically important considering we are the fastest-growing population in Canada, with half of our 1.5 million people younger than 25.

But there are possibilities to inspire and nurture Aboriginal students.

I was once teaching dance in an isolated northern Ontario reserve when I realized how proud the youth were to perform, all through the power

community. I thought: "What if I could get them performing in a huge theatre, with lights, and hundreds of people in downtown Toronto — how would those youth feel then?"

Hence, the founding of Outside Looking In (OLI). Now in our third year, we are the only national charitable organization that works with Aboriginal communities and organizations throughout the academic year to bring kids from reserves to Toronto to perform, all through the power

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of the arts.

Students are instructed by professional dancers from Canada and the U.S.

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It's no easy task: These students are accountable to OLI and to themselves to earn every bit of success. The main event is the per-

formance they worked so hard to create. Through that event they feel what it is like to be treated like true stars — to get their hair and makeup done by professionals and sign autographs after the show.

While every participant has said OLI has changed their life, in some cases it has saved their lives. The majority of Aboriginal youth are considered at-risk with a lack of opportunities. Having these students succeed beyond their community boundaries gives them

hope that they can succeed as long as they work hard, stay in school, and pursue their passion and dreams.

I tell them it is up to them individually on how bright they want their light to shine, and each day is a choice to make that happen.

To learn about sponsorship and donation opportunities with OLI, go to [www.olishow.net](http://www.olishow.net) or email [info@olishow.net](mailto:info@olishow.net)

Tracee Smith, a member of the Missanabie Cree First Nation in northern Ontario, is a professional dancer and choreographer and founder of Outside Looking In.

## Views

### Nisga'a at fore of historic legislation



Joseph Quesnel

A historic conversation is occurring on a section of "Indian country" in northwest British Columbia. Nisga'a First Nations people are debating legislation that may allow individual Nisga'a to own private land they can transfer to whomever they wish, Nisga'a or non-Nisga'a.

The Nisga'a Landholding Transition Act would permit individual Nisga'a to hold land in transferable "fee simple." Properties would be registered and protected in the Nisga'a Land Title Office. This proposal would create real property rights, meaning land can be transferred to whomever one chooses.

This would be precedent setting since, under the Indian Act, on-reserve First Nations do not own their own land, which is held solely by the Crown.

On reserves, title is normally provided to individuals through certificates of possession distributed through band council. But these certificates are only transferable to other band members and exist at the whim of political leaders.

But Nisga'a, under their modern treaty passed by Parliament in 2000, are not governed under the Indian Act and their new agreement with the government placed ownership of Nisga'a land with Nisga'a Village governments.

Now, this same government proposes to allow individuals to claim residential plots. It is a small step, as the plots can be no more

than 0.2 hectares (about half an acre), but this will allow for wealth creation and economic development on Nisga'a territory.

Wealth creation and poverty reduction are intimately connected to the institution of private property.

Peruvian economist Hernando de Soto, a finalist for the Nobel Prize, in his landmark *The Mystery Of Capital: Why Capitalism Triumphs In The West And Fails Everywhere Else*, explained how poor people in developing countries were literally sitting on their ticket out of poverty. They possessed real estate and assets.

But governments did not provide them with formal ownership rights over these assets, so poor people could

not place their land as collateral for business loans.

Wealth creation and poverty reduction are intimately connected to the institution of private property.

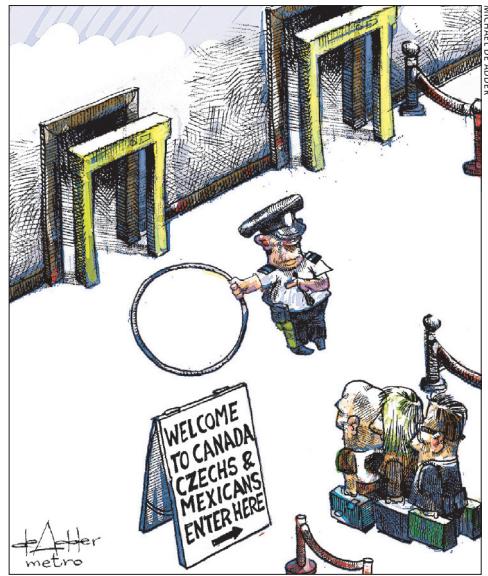
To grant individual property rights to Nisga'a residents will allow Nisga'a to leverage this land to secure credit and start businesses.

The debate in the Nisga'a territory must occur on First Nations territories everywhere.

Indigenous Canadians need to bring Indian Act bands and other indigenous communities into a robust system where land can be easily transferred to individual First Nations.

Then a real revolution for all indigenous people can occur.

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## Former GE co-chair hospitalized for infection

Author and former General Electric Co. chairman and chief executive Jack Welch has been hospitalized with a bacterial infection but is expected to recover. **REUTERS**

# Business

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## Home sales up in June

Market defies estimates with 17.9% jump over '08

**John Cocomile** can't seem to walk a few steps before his BlackBerry starts to buzz. It's another client trying to close on a home purchase.

"It's been like this for the last couple months," says Cocomile, a mortgage broker and owner of website [greedymortgage.com](http://greedymortgage.com). "Real-estate agents are normally on holiday in the summer, so everyone expected things to slow down. But, good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."

He's right. Canadian existing homes sales soared

**"Good gosh, stuff is really selling out there."**

John Cocomile

in June, up 17.9 per cent year over year to 54,416 units, according to a report released yesterday by the Canadian Real Estate Association. The national average sale price also reached new heights on a monthly basis, climbing 3.6 per cent year over to \$326,613.

On a quarterly basis, sales in the second quarter

were up 1.4 per cent, marking the first year over year increase since 2007.

The numbers beat consensus estimates by analysts and took some market watchers by surprise.

"Canada's housing market looks to have managed the equivalent of the great escape from the clutches of a lengthy, painful downturn," said BMO economist Doug Porter. "The rapid fire rebound in Canada's housing market is the most astonishing economic development of 2009."

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Gas-weighted energy firms to lag, say analysts

**ENERGY** Canadian companies whose production is weighted more to oil than natural gas will fare better in their second-quarter results as crude prices have staged a strong recovery.

However, compared with last year's period of soaring prices, financial results, which the sector starts releasing this week, will show the impact of recession on global demand.

Nexen Inc. is the first large Canadian energy concern to release second-quarter results Thursday. Crude oil makes up more than four-fifths of its production. Still, analysts expect Nexen to earn 28 cents a share before unusual items, down 61 per cent from the second quarter of 2008. **REUTERS**

## PC sales down globally amid business cutbacks

**TECHNOLOGY** The PC market is set to suffer a rare decline this year, while notebook shipments will surpass desktop sales for the first time, a technology research firm forecast.

Global shipments of PCs are on track to drop to 287.3 million units this year, down four per cent from 299.2 million units last year, said iSuppli Corp., based in California. It would be the first dive in annual PC shipments since the tech boom went bust in 2001, the firm noted.

"An annual decline in

unit shipments is highly unusual in the PC market," said iSuppli's Matthew Wilkins in a release. "Tight budgets are putting the squeeze on corporate IT spending," he said.

Also behind the slump is a sharp drop in sales of desktop computers, as consumers increasingly turn to smaller, portable notebooks, which includes netbooks. Desktop PC shipments are expected to fall to 124.4 million, down 18 per cent from 151.9 million last year, the firm said.

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## Business In brief

**CYBERCRIME** The ever-weakening job market could well lead to an increase in online crime as laid-off workers, especially those with computer skills, turn to scams to support themselves, Cisco Systems Inc. said yesterday in a security report. Cisco warned that disgruntled former employees "can be especially damaging for an organization because insiders know security weaknesses."

**BAILOUTS** Goldman Sachs Group Inc. employees, on average, are close to \$1 million US of compensation and benefits this year, just months after the bank received bailout funds and other support from the government. **REUTERS**

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The Chicago Blackhawks removed general manager Dale Tallon from his post yesterday, and promoted assistant GM Stan Bowman to the general manager position. Tallon will remain with the organization, reassigned to the position of senior adviser of hockey operations. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Sports

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## Nadal plans to play in Montreal

World No. 2 Rafael Nadal plans to resume training and return to action at next month's Montreal Masters as he recovers from tendinitis in his knees, according to a statement on his website yesterday. "Rafa Nadal underwent some new medical tests today in Barcelona," the statement said. "He is slowly recovering from his injury, will resume practice next Monday and will reappear at the Montreal event on August 8th," it added.

REUTERS

## Year makes big difference for Tiger

After missing last British Open with painful injury, Woods is back in winning form

**Tiger Woods has extra incentive to flourish at this week's British Open after missing last year's championship at Royal Birkdale while recovering from reconstructive knee surgery.**

Twelve months ago the world No. 1 was confined to his home in Orlando, Fla., and experienced intense pain as he watched television coverage of Irishman Padraig Harrington's successful title de-

fence.

"My day consisted of trying to get from the bed to the couch and then from there back to the bed," three-times British Open champion Woods told reporters yesterday.

"That was my day. I was going through probably some of the worst pain at the time. Just basically the two-and-a-half week mark and I was in pretty good pain."

Woods had knee surgery



**"Looking at my situation at the beginning of the year, to have three wins, I wouldn't have thought that."**

Tiger Woods

after clinching his 14th major title in a playoff for last year's U.S. Open at Torrey Pines and was then sidelined from the game for eight months.

He returned to the PGA Tour for the WGC-Accenture Match Play Champi-

onship in late February and has since triumphed three times in eight starts.

"It's been a tremendous success," Woods said of his 2009 campaign. "I remember looking at the year and just trying to get back

playing, (thinking) hopefully I can play and hopefully at a high level.

"Looking at my situation at the beginning of the year, to have three wins, I wouldn't have thought that."

"Granted I haven't won a major but I've come close," added the 33-year-old American who tied for sixth at the U.S. Masters in April before again sharing sixth place at last month's U.S. Open.

REUTERS

## Cavendish wins Tour stage marked by riders' protest

**TOUR DE FRANCE** Mark Cavendish won his third stage on the 2009 Tour de France yesterday, a 194.5-km trek ridden at a leisurely pace in an implicit protest by the riders at a radio-ban by organizers.

It was the seventh stage won on the Tour by the Briton, who is now one victory short of the British record held by Barry Hoban since 1975.

The peloton, who rode at a relatively slow average speed of 40.7 km/h, caught a four-man break-

away in the last two kilometres.

Italy's Rinaldo Nocentini retained the overall leader's yellow jersey.

After several meetings on the rest day in Limoges, teams had reluctantly accepted to start the stage without earpieces or equipment allowing riders to communicate with their team cars.

"We're very, very disappointed. But it's not over," said Astana team chief Johan Bruyneel, who had led a petition of 14 teams against the ban.

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## All-star game Doc on the mound



American League All-Star Roy Halladay of the Toronto Blue Jays pitches during the all-star game last night at Busch Stadium in St Louis. For a game results, visit metronews.ca/sports.

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# Workology

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## Like a football coach ... for dancers

### Backstage Pass

JON TATTRIE  
for Metro Canada

**David Connolly has choreographed for TV, movies and the stage. This spring, he was at Halifax's Neptune Theatre directing and choreographing a hit run of *High School Musical*, and that's where his passion lies: Live dance.**

"Television and film is certainly more far reaching," he concedes. He choreographed the kids' TV show *The Doodlebops*, which is in six languages around the world. "People are doing the Wobbly Whoopsy all over the world because I invented the Wobbly Whoopsy. When you're having a really bad day, you're like, 'Oh, nope. There's a kid in Spain doing the Wobbly Whoopsy,'" he laughs.

Choreographing on the

set of Deepa Mehta's *Hollywood/Bollywood* one winter, he found the dancers' breath was fogging up the camera lens: He had them chew ice to cool their breath.

"You get to do it till it's as right as it can be," he says. "The energy exchange in live theatre between what the audience is giving and what the actors are giving is where the magic happens. Boy, do you ever miss that in TV and film."

Connolly started his career acting on Broadway, but switched to choreography because it gave him greater control over his career. As a choreographer he's "higher on the food chain" and the work is more stable.

"I see how very often (who gets the acting role) has nothing to do with talent," he says. "At a certain point, there are ten people who can play that part, so it's going to factor in nothing to do with your personality and everything to do with how you look with

him, or where you live, or who the musical director loves or has worked with before."

"The insecurity (of acting) is probably part of what drove me to the other side. But there's no greater reward for me than to make somebody laugh or think. That balances out the insecurity of not knowing where the next job is."

Many fine arts university degrees offer choreography as part of a dance program. You don't have to be a super dancer to choreograph: It's more like a football coach teaching his star quarterback.

On its website, the University of Calgary's dance program notes dancers have historically studied with companies. "A university fine arts education prepares you in a similar way," it says.

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Choreographer David Connolly's passion lies in live dance.

## More to court than facts

### Workplace Law



**"One should always play fairly when one has the winning cards."**

- OSCAR WILDE

Most lawyers will tell you that the outcome of your case is based on the facts, the prevailing law, the relative abilities of the lawyers involved and a bit of luck. In straightforward employment law cases, strategy is often overlooked. It ought not to be.

Generally, employers are in no hurry to move cases along quickly. They would much prefer to wait and let the employee's legal costs accumulate and her frustrations grow. In typical cases, claims can meander through the court system for years, with inherent pre-trial delays, mandatory mediations and few, if any,

deadlines.

Here are some tips from the workplace trenches:

**Address preliminary issues intelligently:** The strategic advantage that specialized counsel offers is to argue a lawsuit in ways that take the opposing lawyer, and his client, away from their comfort zone. In a case that I recently argued, I brought a preliminary motion to compel the judge to grant summary judgment, which allowed my client to obtain damages long before she even suffered them.

Although the defendant argued that the case couldn't be heard, we successfully responded to the inference that a full trial was required by emphasizing the facts that were straightforward and downplaying those that were not.

**Don't make allegations that cannot be supported:** Most employment lawsuits are riddled with hyperbole. Some lawyers believe that flashy allegations of bad faith, the intentional infliction of mental distress and punitive damages add to the value of their clients'

claims. In my experience, the opposite is usually true. Not only does the case take longer to settle, it inevitably will cost you more to do so.

**Proceed as a group:** It becomes difficult for an employer to ignore your claim when it is shared. Even two employees proceeding together will garner greater attention from your employer and their lawyer.

**Choose a lawyer carefully:** There are no rules that limit lawyers without much experience in employment law from professing that they practise it on their websites and in the media — and unfortunately they do. The reality is that there are few lawyers who exclusively practise employment law. Employment law is specialized. Inquire what percentage of the lawyer's time is spent solely on employment law matters — and don't pay for his or her education.

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# Reno Rebate

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## New doors energy efficient

**MJ DESCHAMPS**  
for Metro Ottawa

**Often, homeowners think they need to focus on painting, siding or other whole-house treatments to change the exterior look of their outdated homes.**

But just by replacing old windows and doors, you can really change the look of your house in a simpler, faster, and more cost-efficient way.

Mark Wardrop, president of Ottawa Windows and Doors, said that one of the most valuable invest-

ments you can make in your home is replacing old windows and doors.

"Windows that were made and installed 20 or 30 years ago weren't made with the energy efficiency in mind that they're made with now," he said.

Drafts around doors and windows are some of the biggest drains on the energy efficiency of your home, and the reason why many people are spending too much on their heating and cooling bills.

A good way to check for drafts around your doors and windows is by slowly moving a lit candle around

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- For more on the Home Renovation Tax Credit, log on to [cra-arc.gc.ca/gnyc/bdgt/2009/fqhmrvtn-eng.html](http://cra-arc.gc.ca/gnyc/bdgt/2009/fqhmrvtn-eng.html).

the edges to see if the flame flickers, he said.

Wardrop said that nowadays, people are moving away from wooden doors and choosing materials such as steel or fibreglass instead to keep their homes insulated. He said that people are also opting for more low maintenance,

vinyl windows with protective exteriors.

"That's the big trend right now — people want long-lasting windows and doors that they don't have to constantly maintain."

For a good quality windows and installation, Wardrop said homeowners can expect to spend \$850 on average for each hole in the wall, depending on the size and type of window.

He said that the government's recent home renovation tax credit, which can reimburse people up to \$1,350 for their home renovations, has helped keep a strong market for



Replacing old windows and doors can change the look of your home, and save you money on your heating and cooling bills.

his business, as well as the current condition of Ottawa homes.

Ottawa had a huge building boom in the 1980s, and windows usually have a lifetime of about 30 years — so now, in

2009, people can only defer that investment for so long," said Wardrop.

"There is a certain lifecycle in a home, and it's inevitable that some elements eventually be replaced."

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## Dive into summer with a swimming pool

**MJ DESCHAMPS**  
for Metro Ottawa

Everyone knows that having a backyard swimming pool automatically makes your house the hottest spot in the neighbourhood to cool off during the summer.

Many people nowadays are opting to invest in a pool for their homes instead of that faraway summer cottage, said Josée Grandmaison from in-ground pool installers Pool Builders.

"Instead of buying a cottage that you can only use once a week, most people are buying pools that they can use every day," she said.

"It's a great way to keep their kids close by during the summer, and a place that becomes entertainment central for friends and family."



Many people are opting to invest in a pool instead of a cottage.

But before you dig up that first patch of dirt for your pool, there are a few things you need to do first.

While many above-ground pools have do-it-yourself kits, in-ground pools are obviously not a project that Dad can do himself over the long weekend.

Besides hiring contractors, you will also need an

electrician to connect all of the electrical components of the pool such as the pump, salt generator, lights and electronic gas heaters.

As well, you will be required to obtain a building permit before starting work on your pool, and provide information to your local municipal office about location, size, specif-

ic dimensions from lot lines, the house, and the pool equipment used.

Pools must also be enclosed with a high fence and a locked gate, so homeowners need to be aware of local requirements for fencing before diving into pool construction.

While costs for an in-ground pool are steep, with the average price tag for the actual pool and installation ranging from \$27,000 to \$30,000, a good quality pool usually has a lifespan of at least 25 years.

Recently, the trend for pools has been those with different shapes and contours that people can landscape around. People are also opting for saltwater pools these days, as opposed to chlorine ones.

"Saltwater pools are a lot less harsh on your skin and hair, and you can even open your eyes underwater," said Grandmaison.

She said a good way to give your pool a facelift during those 25 years is to replace the vinyl on the interior of the pool, which is the part of the pool that can become dated. Vinyls come in all sorts of designs and colours, so you can keep your pool trendy as the years go by.

The government's new home renovation tax credit is helping as well to make your dream pool a reality in 2009, which applies to eligible expenditures of more than \$1,000.

So, now's the time to make a splash — and maybe make your neighbours a little jealous, too.

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**Japan's postal service turns to EV**

Japan's postal service will deploy 40 electric vehicles this year, according to the Green Car Congress. Japan Post Service has signed five-year leases for 20 units each of the Mitsubishi i-MiEV and the Subaru Plug-In Stella. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Metro Drive

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## Return of diesel Jetta

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**Volkswagen's 2009 Jetta TDI sedan doesn't set any new standards as far as exterior design is concerned; it's what's lurking under the hood that really matters.**

The state-of-the-art clean diesel technology available in the Jetta will be THE key selling feature of the new model, which is helping VW achieve sales increases in Canada while most manufacturers have been losing market share.

Volkswagen has a long history with diesels and the Jetta TDI has been one of its sales leaders over the years. In fact, in 2006 about half of all Jettas sold in Canada had the old 1.9-litre TDI turbo diesel engine.

However, changing emissions regulations rendered that engine obsolete and in 2007, VW didn't offer any diesel models, instead relying on sales of the City Golf and City Jetta to take up the slack until the next generation diesel was ready.

The City models filled the gap quite well, but their lifecycle is nearing an end just as a new 2.0-litre turbo diesel engine makes its debut in the 2009 Jetta sedan and wagon.

For Volkswagen, the new clean diesel technology has been a long time coming, but it's well worth the wait. This engine not only meets the tougher emissions regulations throughout all of North America, but it also is smoother, quieter, more powerful and more fuel-efficient than the previous diesel.

Gone are the days of the



After an absence of more than a year, Volkswagen is back with a diesel engine in its 2009 Jetta sedan and wagon. Inside, Jetta TDI is comfortable and functional, but not as up-to-date styling-wise as many in the mid-size market.

black smoke billowing out of the tailpipe as you drive merrily on your way, smugly telling the world that you're getting great fuel economy with your diesel, while at the same time adding piles of CO2 to the atmosphere.

This engine is so clean you can hold a tissue or white cloth up to the tailpipe while the car's idling and you'll get none

of the black gunk on it that you used to see.

Gone too is the "clatter" previously associated with diesel engines — at speed you can barely hear the engine sound although it is audible at start up.

A plus with the new 2.0-litre engine is the extra power that comes without sacrificing fuel economy. The new engine produces 140 hp and 235 lb/ft of



torque, compared with 100 hp and 177 lb/ft with the previous model.

That added grunt comes in handy when accelerating onto the highway or in passing mode. A 0-100 km/h time was not available from the manufacturer, but I expect it to be around the 10-

### 2009 VW Jetta TDI

**Type:** Two door mid-size sedan  
**Price:** \$24,275-\$29,775  
**Engine:** 2.0-litre turbocharged four-cylinder diesel (140 hp 235 lb/ft)

#### Highlights

- Smoother and quieter than previous diesel Jetta
- Impressive fuel economy

second range.

As for fuel economy, the numbers are impressive—6.8L/100 km (42 mpg) city and 4.9L/100 km (58 mpg) highway with the six-speed DSG automatic transmission. A six-speed manual gets slightly better fuel economy still.

While the Jetta is clearly a leader on the technological side, styling-wise it's a fairly bland offering. Unlike the eye-catching look of its Passat CC sibling, the Jetta TDI blends in with the crowd.

Similarly, the interior is a functional yet dull Plain Jane gray on gray colour. However, all knobs and gauges are easy to use and within reach, while the seats are comfortable.

## Seating comfort conundrum

### AutoPilot

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The Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe features plush seating.

I recently tried out the new Mercedes-Benz E Class Coupe and liked it. My butt was particularly impressed.

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Crank up all the bolsters and the seat hugs your backside like a body suit.

The lumbar feature is equally powerful; at one point it may have adjusted my prostate.

We've obviously come a long way, from the bench seats of yore.

I'm not suggesting we go back to those vinyl wonders, but one wonders if the most comfortable, adjustable chair you get to sit in any given day should be the one in the 4,000-pound device that uses premium unleaded? Aren't we trying to get people out of the car a little bit? And we wonder why people keep choosing the drive-thru at Tim Horton's, even when it takes longer than the walk-in option.

The other thing that gets me about these infinitely adjustable seats, is that you

spend an inordinate time fiddling with the adjustments. With so many settings, you feel that seating utopia is suddenly possible, so you adjust and adjust and adjust ... but you never get to that place of backside enlightenment... it's just a mirage in the desert.

And when you think you're JUST THERE, you make one small adjustment to the recline angle, which begets one more small adjustment to the seat cushion tilt, which begets one more small adjustment in the lumbar, which suddenly makes everything ALL WRONG, which begets you to gnaw the steering wheel.

This exercise reminds me of what you go through when a waiter or waitress tops up your coffee cup. You now have to figure out what precise increments of sugar and cream to add.

But don't let my seat issues detract from your enjoyment of the continuing evolution of the automotive seat. Please, adjust away!

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## Sun and sand traps

Thailand is marketing itself as a recession-friendly golf destination to help rescue its floundering tourism industry. North Americans find their usual golfing holidays in Scotland and Ireland are too expensive this year are going to Thailand instead. **REUTERS**



Volunteers stand to form the shape of a smile at Place Vendôme in Paris on July 12. Paris, the world's top tourist destination, is using the slogan "Paris smiles for you!" to welcome visitors.

## Parisians! Start smiling for the tourists, please

Officials try to counter poll that named Paris most overrated city

**Faced with a fall in tourist numbers due to the financial crisis and a reputation for unfriendliness, the Paris tourist board has made a simple request to the city's residents: smile.**

Visitors to Paris, the world's most visited city, have fallen 17 per cent since January compared with the same period in 2008, official figures show.

To counter the slump and boost revenues, the tourist board has set up stands manned by teams of "smile ambassadors" to welcome holiday makers at the city's most popular spots.

As if to heed its call, hundreds of roller-skaters formed a giant smile in Place Vendôme in the city centre on Sunday.

**"It's the American tourist lost in Paris that we inform politely, it's the English person looking for the way in northern France who we don't get impatient with by honking our car horns."**

Daniel Fasquelle, tourism association founder

"We have to work on striking and simple images. There's nothing as telling as a smile," said Paul Roll, who heads the tourist board.

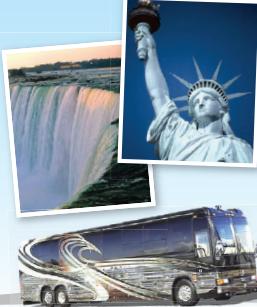
In May, a questionnaire carried out by travel site TripAdvisor found Paris to be the most over-rated city in Europe, citing its high prices and unpleasant residents.

Daniel Fasquelle, founder of a tourism association, said that French from all walks of life needed to play their part.

"If we want tourism, which has generated more than two million jobs, to remain a major economic sector, everyone has to get behind it — professionals, elected representatives, and French people," he said.

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## Udaipur voted world's best city

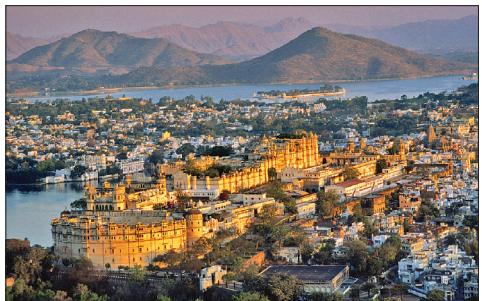
**INDIA** The Indian city of Udaipur, known as the Venice of the East, was voted the world's best city for travellers in 2009 in an online poll by Travel + Leisure magazine, trumping last year's winner Bangkok.

The island of Bali in Indonesia topped the Galapagos to be named best island in the annual poll, in which casual and laid-back destinations prevailed.

Magazine readers also voted Bushmans Kloof Cedar Mountains, in South Africa, as the world's top hotel while Singapore Airlines grabbed the best airline award again.

Nancy Novogrod, editor-in-chief of Travel + Leisure said this year's poll reflected changing travel interests in a challenging economy, with Udaipur, famous for its canals and palaces, a current tourist favourite for well-heeled Westerners.

"Value, intimacy, service, and discovery are top priorities. As for that so-last-August-sounding word, luxury, it's all about enclaves that shelter stealth wealth," she said in a statement.



A view over the city of Udaipur in Rajasthan, India, showing Pichola Lake and City Palace.

Novogrod said dramatically sited outposts ranging from Jade Mountain in St. Lucia to San Ysidro Ranch in California featured highly this year.

Value ratings for a number of top-ranked cities — Udaipur, Cape Town, Bangkok, Buenos Aires, Chiang Mai, and Luang Prabang — were sky-high while other far-flung cities also made a strong showing. However, favourites such as New York City, Florence, Rome, and San Francisco remained in the top 10 overall.

The results were compiled from votes by magazine subscribers in an Internet poll which went live between January and March. Travel + Leisure will honour winners on July 21 in New York.

The complete "World's Best Awards" is available on [travelandleisure.com](http://travelandleisure.com). Following are some highlights:

- Best city: Udaipur, India
- Best hotel: Bushmans Kloof Cedar Mountains, South Africa
- Best island: Bali, Indonesia
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- Best domestic airline: Virgin America

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Sun-seekers whose holidays are spoiled by at least four days of rain in any one week could be reimbursed after two French travel agencies, Pierre et Vacances and FranceLoc, launched insurance cover for unwanted interruptions to the sunshine. **REUTERS**

## Travel in brief

**INDIA** New separatist protests by ethnic Nepalis in India's Darjeeling hills are hampering tourism and threatening to cut production of the area's eponymous tea by more than 20 per cent, industry officials said yes-

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The first certified female gondolier, Giorgia Boscolo, poses on a gondola after passing her exams in Venice. Boscolo, 23, is a married mother of two, and her father Dante is also a gondolier.

## 'Green' Asia hotels take the guilt out of luxury stays

**SINGAPORE** Who says you can't have it all? An Asian hotelier is offering luxury, boutique resorts at idyllic destinations and their carbon footprint is small, too.

Singapore-based Alila Hotels and Resorts, which has properties in the Maldives, Thailand, Laos and Indonesia, is one of a handful of hoteliers in the Asia Pacific region that are leading in sustainable tourism, according to independent industry environmental advisory group EC3 Global.

Sustainable tourism aims to make travellers aware of their impact on the environment, both natural and cultural, of their destination, and spans everything from hotel design and construction to what is served on the menu.

The Alila Villas Uluwatu in Bali, Indonesia, which opened last month, was designed and built according to EC3 Global's Green Globe benchmark, and is one of three Alila hotels in Bali. The older properties also have green programmes.

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## Brand set to host MTV Video Music Awards

British comedian Russell Brand will return to host the MTV Video Music Awards, which promises to have performances all over Manhattan, including Radio City Music Hall. Taylor Swift and British rockers Muse will perform. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

# Entertainment

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## Harry Potter takes a dark turn

### Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince

Director: David Yates

Stars: Daniel Radcliffe,

Emma Watson

Classification: PG

Rating: CHRIS ALEXANDER  
for Metro Canada

Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince is the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's series of books.

**REVIEW** If the fanciful world of Harry Potter were real, any parent who opted to send their kids to Hogwarts would need to have their head examined.

For why would any rational person allow their child to attend a school where lethal poisons are part of the curriculum, where the recreational sport is a brutal form of football played 100 feet in the air on flying broomsticks, and where an evil, homicidal monster attacks the student body at the climax of every school year?

This critic has never been able to get past this conceit but what do I know, really...

Harry Potter and the Half-

Blood Prince, the sixth film based on author J.K. Rowling's phenomenally popular series of young adult novels is, as advertised, a leaner, meaner and far darker entry than 2007's Order of the Phoenix. But higher stakes and grimmer themes aside, this is ultimately just another Potter picture, as good and as flawed as any of them.

"Chosen One" Harry Potter (Daniel Radcliffe) returns to Hogwarts for yet another fun-filled run of

sweaty palmed teen angst and supernatural derring-do and once again, something sinister pulses in the peripheral.

As Harry struggles through potions class with new teacher Horace Slughorn, utilizing a found textbook that once belonged to the mysterious titular Prince, antagonist Draco Malfoy (Tom Felton) may or may not be aligning himself with the Death Eaters, paving the way once again for the return

of Lord Voldemort.

The film looks absolutely spectacular, with hand-some production design, flawless digital effects and appropriately bleak, washed out cinematography. The young cast, especially Felton and Emma Watson, have matured into fine, unusually attractive screen presences and the older cast is first rate.

But the big issue I have with the Potter flicks is that they are almost entirely reliant on fans familiarity

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- **KANATA 24:** Wed 10:30-11-11:30-12:15-1-2-2:30-3-4-4:45-5:30-6:15-7:30-8:30-9:30-9:45-10:30

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with the source novels and, in being almost scientifically faithful to those texts, they never feel like fully developed works in their own right.

Half-Blood Prince feels too long, yet far too underdeveloped to support its labyrinthine narrative and character arcs and is occasionally incomprehensible. Dramatic scene after effects

soaked set piece follow each other, making the whole enterprise akin to a sort of "greatest hits" of the book.

Still, hardcore fans will likely eat it up. Casual viewers, maybe not so much.

• For Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince photos, a trailer and screen times, or to buy tickets, visit [metroneWS.ca/movies](http://metroneWS.ca/movies).

## Promoter wants Jacksons to sing at U.K. tribute gig

**The company behind Michael Jackson's planned comeback in London that was to have kicked off on Monday said he wanted to stage a one-off tribute concert in the city featuring members of the late pop star's family.**

AEG Live signed up the star for 50 concerts at Lon-

don's O2 Arena starting on July 13, but the 50-year-old singer died in Los Angeles less than three weeks before his eagerly anticipated return to the stage.

More than 750,000 people snapped up tickets to the This Is It shows, and they have been given the choice of a full refund or

keeping their tickets as a memento.

Jackson AEG Live chief executive Randy Phillips said yesterday he was hopeful of holding the tribute gig

in London on Aug. 29, which would have been Jackson's 51st birthday, although time was running out.

"We have to make some hard decisions this week, otherwise it will be too late to even contemplate doing anything on the 29th," Phillips told BBC Ra-

dio 6 Music.

"The number one item I'm discussing is presenting This Is It the production, hopefully with the Jacksons and maybe Janet, and other artists," Phillips added.

"What we're thinking about is one massive tribute that's broadcast around the globe. We've

opted to go to broadcast television, either cable/satellite, or traditional broadcast."

He conceded that most of the 27 Jackson dates booked in 2009 at the O2 Arena would probably go unfilled. The remaining 23 dates were scheduled for early 2010.

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Cattrall, boyfriend split up

Kim Cattrall has split from her boyfriend of five years, Alan Wyse. "It was a long time coming, they had some trouble in April and since then things have fizzled out," a source tells OK! Magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

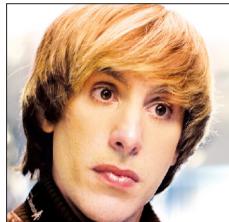
## Brüno tailored for younger U.K. crowd

Universal Pictures U.K. is releasing a re-edited version of Sacha Baron Cohen's Brüno to secure a "15" certificate, rather than the more restrictive "18" rating, in an effort to boost audience turnout. It's the first time that two versions of one film will have been released at the same time in the United Kingdom.

The "15" version — which is limited to viewers 15 and older — is 110 seconds shorter than the original "18" film and was submitted to the British Board of Film Classification only on Monday.

Three scenes in the original with strong sex and sex references are considered by the board to go beyond the "15" level but are acceptable at the adult "18" category, which limits audiences to those 18 and older.

The first scene features a montage of exaggerated sexual activity between Brüno and his boyfriend. The second shows Brüno comically miming oral sex.



Brüno stars Sacha Baron Cohen.

The third features sex among couples at a swingers' party, with sexual detail obscured.

All are likely to be cut to achieve the "15" certification. A BBFC spokesman said that the recut movie had only just landed on his desk and he could not say which parts had been chopped.

The movie, in its unadulterated "18" version, reached the top box-office spot here and in the U.S. in its opening weekend, grossing 5 million pounds (\$8.1 million) in the U.K. and \$30.4 million in North America.

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# Here goes Nothing

Japandroids bounce back after band member suffers injury

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### The timing couldn't have been worse.

When Vancouver's Japandroids released their long-awaited debut album, Post-Nothing, back on April 28, everything was going right for members Brian King (guitar) and Dave Prowse (drums). Highly influential music publication Pitchfork gave the album a glowing review and Exclaim! Magazine put the band on the cover.

But then later that same day came the announcement that King was rushed to a Calgary hospital for emergency surgery on a perforated ulcer, thus forcing the band to cancel a North American tour they'd waited almost three years for.

"Brian ended up being in the hospital for almost two weeks," Prowse explains. "He didn't pick up a guitar for another six weeks after that. In fact he couldn't do much of anything for another few weeks."

As the band remained stagnant, though, strong buzz helped their profile grow significantly. "It's funny, as disappointing as it was to have to cancel our first big tour, it was comforting to be getting all that good news during such a low point," says Prowse.

News for the band has just kept getting better and



Vancouver's Japandroids' long-awaited debut, Post-Nothing, was released in April.

### Japandroids live

• Japandroids perform tonight on the Subway Stage at Ottawa Bluesfest.

better since then. Set to tour into next spring, their album was recently included on the Polaris Music Prize long list and will soon see a worldwide release through respected indie label Polyvinyl on Aug. 4 — perfect timing for such a perfect summer record.

With their hook-stuffed anthems, dual shout-out vocals and break-neck bustle, these industrious noise-pop mongers have found a cure to any summertime blues. Admits Prowse, "I think it's a great road trip record since it's so high energy. Plus half the songs are about leaving

your town for bigger and better things."

Japandroids have left Vancouver and are finally back on the road for their first ever North American tour — of course, against doctor's advice. "I tried to get Brian to tone his end of the performance down a bit, but he won't listen," Prowse says. "He's probably the most stubborn per-

son I know. It's still the same old show — a sweaty, crazy party."

But timing couldn't be better now for the duo, as they're just at the same stage they were when Post-Nothing was first released by Unfamiliar Records two-and-a-half months ago. Prowse says he and King are grateful for a second opportunity.

"We're really lucky to get another chance to go on a great tour like this. We had been counting down to this for quite a while, and it's really exciting for it to be really happening. It's been so much fun so far."

## Portman tapped for Thor

Natalie Portman has been cast as the female lead in Thor, Marvel Studios' adaptation of its comic book featuring the Norse god of thunder. Kenneth Branagh is directing.

Portman will play Jane Foster, who in early comic-book lore was a nurse who became Thor's first love. The studio said the character will be updated for the feature adaptation, with Foster a doctor-scientist type.

Chris Hemsworth (Star Trek) is already cast as Thor. Tom Hiddleston is Loki, the god of mischief who serves as the movie's villain.

Thor is Marvel's stab at an epic fantasy adventure, spanning from present-day Earth to the realm of Asgard. The story centres on Thor, a powerful but arrogant warrior whose reckless actions reignite an an-

cient war. As punishment, Thor is cast down to Earth and forced to live among humans.

Portman But once here, he learns what it takes to be a true hero when the most dangerous villain of his world sends the darkest forces of Asgard to invade Earth.

"(Jane) is the human lead, so to speak, who helps ground the film in reality," said Marvel's Kevin Feige, who is producing the movie. "We wanted to avoid that syndrome of just because the hair is up and they're wearing glasses it means they're smart."

The film will be released in the U.S. on May 20, 2011, distributed by Paramount Pictures.

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## First baby on the way

Victoria's Secret model Karolina Kurkova is pregnant. "Supermodel and actress Karolina Kurkova and her fiancé, film producer Archie Drury, have announced that they are expecting their first child," her rep says. [USMAGAZINE.COM](http://USMAGAZINE.COM)



# International appeal

## Winnipeg's Meaghan Waller crowned Top Model

BRIAN COULTON



**Meaghan Waller doesn't know where she found the gusto to stomp it out so powerfully in the final runway show on Canada's Next Top Model.**

But the competition's newly crowned winner said the final challenge that propelled her to victory was the most amazing experience of her life.

"It was like a euphoria, with all the lights and cheering," said Winnipeg's Waller in the Toronto Fashion District office of her new representation, Elmer Olsen Model Management. "I'm pretty much on cloud nine."

Last night's finale began with the three finalists partying in their last photo shoot — a bold solo cover image for Fashion Magazine. Nikita Kiceluk of Calgary, Alta., appeared to have the upper hand, having been praised earlier for her strong editorial look.



Canada's Next Top Model winner Meaghan Waller says modelling is more than "just a pretty face."

And while Waller's appearance is comparably softer than her competitors, she received largely positive feedback by the creative team on set.

However, it was Edmonton's Lindsay Willier, donning a straight-on smile in her image, who ended up capturing the client's favour, winning the challenge and securing her spot in the final two.

And despite her past performance, Kiceluk crumbled in front of the judges, who continued to contend a self-deprecating front was holding the hopeful back from exuding the confidence required in the modelling industry.

"She plays it off as though she's the most confident girl you would meet, but I always think there's something underlying," said Waller. "You can't be that confident."

Instead, the panel selected Waller to join Willier in a final runway showdown that would determine the competition's winner.

pectedly powerful walk they hadn't seen from her before.

When the judges were forced to choose between the women who had appeared to perform equally well, tempers took hold and tears streamed. But it was Waller's perceived international appeal that inched her ahead of Willier, to win the third cycle of the competition.

"I think I ended up winning in the end because I'm a fresh face, I'm new to the industry and something people haven't seen before," said Waller. "I'm very versatile and will hopefully be a very good role model."

With her newfound publicity, Waller said she aims to raise awareness for many causes including cancer research, having had several loved ones affected by the disease.

"I want to make it known that modelling is not just a pretty face in a couple of photo shoots. It's a lot more than that."

## Fawcett's friend to release diaries from her last years

**BOOK** A close friend of late Charlie's Angels star Farrah Fawcett will publish her personal diaries about the actress' three-year struggle with cancer next month.

*My Journey with Farrah: A Story of Life, Love and Friendship*, by Alana Stewart, will come out on Aug. 11 — less than two months after Fawcett succumbed to anal cancer on June 25. The book is thought to be the first insider's look at Fawcett's illness.

Stewart, the ex-wife of rocker Rod Stewart and a friend of Fawcett's for 30 years, said she was encouraged to go into print by Fawcett herself and by Ryan O'Neal, the Love Story movie star who was Fawcett's long time com-

panion.

"Farrah had originally encouraged me to write this book. It was her idea. However, while I was contemplating my decision, her health took a turn for the worse, and I could no longer seek her advice," Stewart said in a statement.

"So I turned to Ryan O'Neal. He was so positive and so supportive. 'You have to do it,' he said emphatically. 'There will be lots of people writing books about her. Yours will be the truth, and it will be a wonderful tribute to her. You have to do it!'" she said. A portion of the proceeds will go to the Farrah Fawcett Foundation to support cancer research.

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### In brief

**ONLINE** Fans of HBO shows such as the *Sopranos* and *The Wire* can now watch them online if they are Comcast Corp subscribers, in the latest move by the cable TV industry to make TV programs available on the Web. Both Comcast and HBO parent Time Warner Inc

are leading the U.S. TV industry with initiatives called *On Demand Online* and *TV Everywhere* designed to help cable and satellite TV providers authenticate paying subscribers who choose to watch shows on the Web.

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## Archer: Comedy of cartoon spies

**SERIES** X is making a rare foray into animation with a new comedy series from Adam Reed, the cable network's first cartoon in 10 years. Tentatively titled *Archer*, the series is set at an international spy agency whose highly trained employees constantly confuse, undermine and betray one another.

## Big Valley headed to the big screen

**ADAPTATION** The 1960s TV Western *The Big Valley* will be revisited as a feature film. The series, which ran on ABC from 1965-69, starred Barbara Stanwyck as the matriarch of a ranching clan in California's San Joaquin Valley in the 1870s. Lee Majors and Linda Evans were among the stars. [REUTERS](http://REUTERS)

## Kenya's Style

**Kenya Hunt**

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## critics' corner

### South Park

Poor Stan. Wendy doesn't want to be his girlfriend anymore, and he's crushed. To cheer him up, his friends take him to Raisins, a restaurant that bears a striking resemblance to Hooters but with much younger waitstaffs. It doesn't work, so Stan tries hanging out with the Goth kids instead. Butters, meanwhile, mistakes one waitress's friendliness for True Love. Something tells us this won't end well. 9:30 PM on 46 COM



### Throwing Stones

It's sort of a Canadian "Steel Magnolias" — but the curling in this dramedy pilot takes place in a rink, not a hair salon. It's the story of four working-class women in Winnipeg who find a common bond as members of a ladies curling club. Oscar winner Patty Duke leads a cast that includes Lolita Davidovich ("ZOS: Zone of Separation"), Caroline Neron ("Traders"), Stephanie Mills ("Rumours") and Barbara Radecki ("Getting Along Famously"). 9 PM on 8 CBC



Scarlett Johansson's first advert campaign for Mango has been released, femalefirst.co.uk reports. The Hollywood beauty sizzles in a series of sultry images for the Spanish retailer's Autumn/Winter 09 collection. METRO NEWS SERVICES

## Celebrity Buzz

### Big birthday bust

**WHAT A NICE GUY** Tony Romo picked quite the day to call it quits with longtime girlfriend Jessica Simpson. The NFL quarterback reportedly dumped the singer the night before her big, Barbie and Ken-themed birthday bash, which she prompted

ly cancelled.

"Jess was too heartbroken to have a big bash," a source tells *Gatecrasher*. The reason for the split was simple, says another source: "Jessica was ready to settle down, and Tony was not."

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### Janet wants the children

**FIGHT FOR CUSTODY** Janet Jackson wants custody of Michael Jackson's three children, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The late star had reportedly discussed his wishes for his kids — Prince Michael I, 12, Paris, 11, and Prince Michael II, 7, known as Blanket — in the event of his death and was even planning to draft a

new will to amend custody details. A source said: "Ultimately, he wanted Janet to look after the children, with help from his mother Katherine, and was planning to draft a new will to reflect those wishes."

Janet has the support of her siblings in taking over as primary caregiver, the website adds.

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### Partying could ruin my music

**IS THAT A BAD THING?** Katy Perry refuses to overdo it when she's partying — because she's worried it will ruin her pop career, femalefirst.co.uk reports. "I've seen too many people live that way and almost wreck their careers ... These days I see the wisdom in having a good night's sleep."

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### Beckham backs off Jolie ad

**AVOIDING THE DOG HOUSE** David Beckham has refused to star in an advert with Angelina Jolie because he is married, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The British soccer star doesn't want to upset his spouse by posing for an Emporio Armani un-

derwear campaign with the stunning Hollywood star, who is in a relationship with Brad Pitt. He told TV show *Extra*: "You know she wouldn't do it and I wouldn't do it."

"At the end of the day, I wouldn't do it because I'm married."

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### Fox slams Transformers

**BUT THE MONEY IS NICE** Megan Fox can't seem to stop herself from slamming her new film, *Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*. "I forced myself to sit down for *Transformers 2*," Fox says, according to the Sun. "I shot an entire glass of champagne so that I could get through it."

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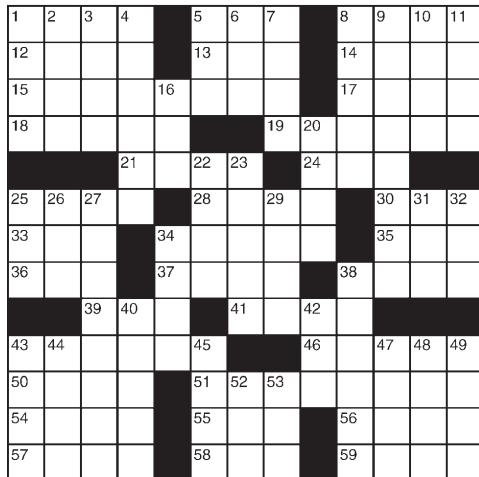
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## ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

TAURUS  
APRIL 21-MAY 21

Minor setbacks are just that — minor — so don't get worked up about them. A positive attitude is a must if you are going to overcome obstacles today.

## LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23



Someone in a position of authority won't take kindly to you pointing out where they've gone wrong, but do so anyway.

SCORPIO  
OCT 24-NOV 22

Don't be too eager to draw conclusions from limited information. Just because the facts point in a single direction does not mean it's right.

## GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21



You could lose out if you let someone persuade you that what their heart says should be allowed to overrule what your head is telling you.

## SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21



A personal matter you were hoping to keep secret will become common knowledge today and you won't be pleased.

## CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22



Other people's demands are simply too much and the sooner you let them know you have no intention of giving in to them, the better.

## CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20



Common sense is a commodity that appears to be in short supply at the moment, so don't expect others to see things as clearly as you.

## LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23



Everyone seems to be running around in a blind panic at the moment. Why? It's not as if the current crisis — so-called — is something new.

## AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18



You expect so much of yourself that, inevitably, you sometimes fall short and feel like a failure. Jupiter in your sign is once again raising your ambitions.

## VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22



You are allowed to disagree with the powers that be and you are allowed to express your opinions in any way and at any level you see fit.

## PISCES

FEB 19-MARCH 20



The Sun remains in the most dynamic area of your chart just one more week and you should make use of it to succeed at a creative project.

## This day in history

JULY 15, 1870: Rupert's Land and the North-Western Territory are transferred to Canada from the Hudson's Bay Company, and the province of Manitoba and the North-West Territories are established from these vast territories.

JULY 15, 1979: U.S. President Jimmy Carter gives his famous "malaise" speech, where he characterizes the greatest threat to the country as "this crisis in the growing doubt about the meaning of our own lives and in the loss of a unity of purpose for our nation."

JULY 15, 2003: AOL Time Warner disbands Netscape Communications Corporation. The Mozilla Foundation is established on the same day.

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- CNN founder Turner's cots (1)
- "Believe" singer's places to sit (1)
- Cain's brother's dining furniture (2)
- Hobo's gooseneck lighting (1)
- Grave robber's bar seats (1)
- Lazy or unimpressive one's sofas (2)
- Stab taker's chests of drawers (2)

BY TRUCKY RICKY KANE  
Every answer is a rhyming pair of words (like FAT CAT and DOUBLE TROUBLE), and they will fit in the letter squares. The number after the definition tells you how many syllables in each word.ANSWERS  
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